

To Dr. Flick from Dr. Trudeau

Saranac Lake, N.Y.
Nov. 17, 1903.

Dear Dr. Flick:

Many thanks for your letter. In regard to the question of the Congress on Tuberculosis, I have only to say that the last attempt of Clark Bell struck me as a dismal failure, and that it is a pretty difficult matter in this country to engineer such a proposition, as selfish motives are so apt to interfere with the best interests of such an effort. Personally I know little or nothing of medical politics in this direction, and have had little to do with them. I have an intense dislike for many of the features of such meetings, and I would prefer to have others who are more familiar with the men and the times do that part of it.

I think the position you take in regard to the Phipps Institute is a very sound one. As I said, personally I would prefer to stick quietly to my own proposition here, which has grown to be quite as much as I am capable of taking care of, and let others do the public act, for which I am ill fitted.

With best wishes, believe me,

Very sincerely yours,

E. L. Trudeau